Docket No.: 82771P270C

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE .

n Re the Application of:

MOHAN V. KALKUNTE, ET AL.

Application No.:

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For:

Method and Apparatus for Preserving Frame

Ordering Access Across Aggregated Links Between

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F. R. § 1.136(a), the Applicants for the above-identified application respectfully Petition the Commissioner for a two (2) month extension of time, extending the period for response to July 05, 2003, from the Final Office Action dated February 05, 2003. A check for \$410.00 (petition filing fee) is attached.

If it should be determined that a longer extension of time is required to prevent this application from being abandoned, please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. A copy of the Fee Transmittal is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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